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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4932

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL UDORN

USDEL JEC PARIS

USIA WASHDC

SECDEF

USDAO SAIGON

DIRNSA FT GG MEADE MD

CINCPAC

CINCUSARPAC

COMUSMACTHAI

DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI

CINCPACFLT

CINCPACAF

CDR USSAG NKP

CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

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56 SOW NKP

432 TRW UDORN  
CDR JCRC NKP  
8 TFW UBON  
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS  
ARMA/AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4964

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW,  
388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA  
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 13 JULY 1973

REF: VIENTIANE 4927

## I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I, II AND V: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED DURING  
PERIOD 11-12 JULY.

B. MR III: ONE MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURED EARLY MORNING  
11 JULY (102125Z), WHEN ESTIMATED 3 ENEMY COMPANIES,  
SUPPORTED BY APPROX 100 ROUNDS MORTAR/ROCKET FIRE, ATTACKED  
2 FRIENDLY POSITIONS LOCATED SOME 15 KM SOUTHWEST OF MUONG  
PHALANE AND 35 KM EAST KENGKOK. FRIENDS WITHDREW FROM  
ONE OF THE POSITIONS, WITH 4 WIA; ENEMY LOST 2 KIA. IN  
ONLY COMBAT AIR ACTIVITY COUNTRYWIDE, RLAF FLEW 2 T-28  
SORTIES ON 11 JULY, IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAL EVACUATION OF  
WOUNDED FROM FOREGOING CLASH (5 ENEMY PROBABLY KBA). IN  
FAR NORTHERN PART OF REGION, SKETCHY FIELD REPORTS INDI-  
CATED THAT UNKNOWN-SIZE ENEMY FORCE ATTACKED AND CAPTURED  
PHA HOM ENCLAVE (SITE 241) ON 9 JULY. LOCAL DEFENSE FORCE  
AND REFUGEES ARE APPARENTLY FLEEING NORTHWEST TOWARD CANG  
SA NI ENCLAVE (SITE 45), WHICH REPORTEDLY CAME UNDER SHELL-  
ING ATTACK AFTERNOON 12 JULY. NO FURTHER INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE.

C. MR IV: THERE WERE TWO MINOR CLASHES ON 10 JULY --NEAR  
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VILLAGE JUST SOUTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE (ONE FRIEND KIA)  
AND SOME 20 KM NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE (ONE FRIEND KIA,  
ONE WIA; 2 ENEMY KIA, 2 AK-47'S CAPTURED). TEN ADDITIONAL  
PL RALLIED TO TEAM ON EASTERN BOLOVENS PLATEUA AND WERE  
EXFILTRATED BY HELICOPTER ON 10 JULY, WITHOUT INCIDENT.

## II. POLITICAL SITUATION

ON JULY 12, STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE LAO NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY ASKED ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT, PHOUI SANANIKONE, TO  
SEND A LETTER TO SOUVANNA REQUESTING HIM TO BRIEF  
COMMITTEE ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN LAOS, PARTICULARLY  
THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE LPF AND RLG. (COMMENT:  
COMMITTEE TOOK THIS INNOCUOUS ACTION AFTER NOTING THAT  
THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY PROGRESS EVIDENT IN NEGOTIATIONS.)  
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